

The Snyder Signal

THIRTY-FIRST YEAR

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THRIFT AND WAR STAMP ACTIVITIES



A PATRIOTIC MEETING

Conservation Agents Discuss War Measures in Snyder.

Quite a crowd of interested citizens met in the district court room last Friday afternoon for patriotic consideration of such questions as are now calling for attention as agents for meeting the exigencies of war. Col. Wilmett conducted the meeting. He introduced Mr. J. M. Wagstaff of Abilene, a member of the National Council of Defense. Mr. Wagstaff made a plain talk on the duty of the people to use every possible effort to produce food and feed. He said the Council of Defense wants to be assured that the south will feed herself. In doing this it is safe to hope that there will be a surplus of foodstuffs to be sent away, but even if not the South would not have to draw on other sections of the nation for food.

Mr. J. A. Kinnard of Big Springs associated with the State Agricultural department made a fine talk. He urged farmers to grow feed and food and make the cotton crop of secondary concern. He calls attention to the importance of raising garden truck and chickens.

Every pound of home grown food helps to that extent the drain on the general supply and we must keep a constant movement of food to our soldiers. Many of our families have been in the service and we must not let them suffer with hunger. The people are becoming interested in this more as never before.

We are all beginning to realize what we are up against and any man or woman who wilfully refuses to observe the regulations governing the conservation of food is a slacker and playing into the hands of the enemy.

Birling speeches were made at the meeting by E. I. Townsend and Col. C. Higgins.

WAR BOARD FINISHING ITS WORK

The Local Exemption Board has nearly completed the work of classifying the Registrants of Scurry county and the following is the complete work to date:

Class No. One	351
Class No. Two	78
Class No. Three	19
Class No. Four	415
Class No. Five	87
In the army first call	59
Not Returned	24
Excluded	2

There are of the above 1185 claims deferred claim at the District Board and on the return of these the continuation of this part will be started.

Men that have married since the war, under the new rules will be called before the Local Board some time next week and be called to give evidence regarding their marriage and also their dependency claims, after which they will be released by the local board and also the District board for final classification.

Mr. J. C. Harris who is inspecting for local exemption boards in west Texas for Maj. Geo. C. Towne in charge of selective service leave in Texas, left Thursday on a tour of several counties in that line of work.

Sold His Farm.

W. D. Moon was here Thursday, called on the Signal, and paid up his subscription. He states that he has sold his farm near Dunn and was in the midst of the deal. He has not decided as to where he will go, or what he will do.

FOUR SOLDIERS CAUGHT MAKING FOR BORDER

Lubbock, Texas, March 4.—E. E. Ottes of San Antonio walked into Lubbock today and notified military authorities that four soldiers who had hired him to drive them from Fort Sam Houston at San Antonio had taken his clothing and put him out of the car ten miles from there.

The men, who were from Troop C of the Sixth Cavalry, were captured en route to the Rio Grande, trying to escape into Mexico, and were turned over to the military authorities.

\$2,000,000 For Drouth Relief.

Austin, March 4.—The West Texas drouth relief bill providing for an appropriation of \$2,000,000 to be loaned to farmers through the counties was passed finally in the house this afternoon by a vote of 101 to 8. The bill carries an emergency clause and if passed by a two-thirds vote of the senate will go into effect immediately.

The bill provides that the funds shall be administered by the state department of agriculture, in conjunction with other state officials. It is understood that a fight will be made in the senate to place the administration of the bill under the State Council of Defense.

Bro. Caperton Declines Pastorate.

Rev. W. E. Caperton, preached at Bethel last Sunday. He has been filling the appointments of the late Pastor Cherry on the Fluvanna circuit, but has advised Presiding Elder Griewold that he cannot undertake to fill out the pastorate for the year.

Building a New Home.

Mr. W. L. Rhoades who owns a good home adjacent to the Colorado river near Ira, has been on that farm about 20 years and has never failed to raise some crops and most of the time has come out with bumper yields. He was in town Monday to haul out material for a new four room bungalow which he is building. He expects to stay there for the rest of his natural life and proposes to have a modern comfortable residence with all available conveniences.

MAYOR ORDERS THE CITY CLEANED

CLEAN UP PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the National and State Councils of Defense have requested that the municipal government in each and every city in the nation do all in their power to prevent sickness by keeping the towns and cities in as clean a condition as is possible; and

Whereas, the City Council at its regular meeting on March 4th, voted to have a general clean up on each day or days as might be designated by the mayor.

Now therefore, I, E. F. Smith, Mayor of the city of Snyder, Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by law and in pursuance of the instructions given me by the City Council, do hereby designate Friday and Saturday March 15th and 16th as general clean up days in our city and every householder is requested to take a personal interest in seeing to it that their premises and the streets and alleys immediately adjoining their homes are made as clean and sanitary as is possible. It is also requested that the teachers in the public schools call attention to these clean up days and emphasize the necessity of keeping our town clean.

Place the cans, trash and all other refuse in a convenient place to be gathered up and the same will be removed at the city's expense.

E. F. SMITH,
Mayor, City of Snyder, Texas

There was a posting of the county officers of the inter-scholastic league Saturday. The date of the county meet was changed to March 23-25. The different schedules of the meet will be published later.

SNYDER ACTIVITIES OF THE RED CROSS



RED CROSS PICTURE SHOW
TODAY AND TOMORROW

Mrs. O. P. Thrane says the program of the Red Cross Picture show today will be "Eagle's Wings" in five reels, with the additional one reel comedy and one reel Current Events.

Entire change of program Saturday including Billie Burke in "The Mysterious Miss Terry," five reels. Matinee and night both days, at the Coby Theatre.

Admission 15c and 25c.

RED CROSS ACTIVITIES

The Chairman of Refugee Work reports the shipment this week of a box containing fifteen layettes (E34 garments). Eight of these were donated by individuals, and seven were given by the Woodman Circle of our city. Each layette also contained a bag of sundries, such as soap, talcum, needles and thread, averaging eight articles to the bag, making a total of one hundred of twenty articles.

All those working on layettes now are requested to have them turned in to the Red Cross room by March 20th, and another shipment will be made at that time.

There is a great demand at present for garments for children from one to five years old, such as stockings, undershirts, petticoats, etc. If you have garments that can be made over into clothes for children, please send them to the Red Cross room and they will be put to good use.

Important Mailing Privileges.

Important changes in parcel post mailing privileges are to take place on March 15, 1918, by which the weight is increased to 70 pounds for the 1, 2 and 3 zones, and to 50 pounds for other zones, not including the Expedited parcels abroad, which limit remains at 7 pounds. This change in weight and distance does not affect the rate which remains as per former schedule.

This change is especially beneficial to farmers, and will enable them to ship their produce in quantity to the city markets up to and including the 200 mile limit to the amount of 70 pounds, and beyond this when the parcel does not exceed 50 pounds in weight. In all cases the parcel should not contain matter perishable within the time necessary for reasonable dispatch and delivery.

STATE LEGISLATURE MAKES PROGRESS

DOINGS IN STATE CAPITOL

Austin in just now a hot bed of politics. Gov. Hobby called the Legislature in special session to enact laws to protect military cantonments against the evils of the liquor traffic and attendant debauchery.

In compliance with the wishes of the war board at Washington he asked for a ten mile zone law. Even before the session met, there began maneuvers to bring about a statutory statewide prohibition act and a few proposals were made. A number of bills were in favor of the statewide act, but one like Blodgett of Lubbock believed that the anti considered such a law would not stand and he urged the pros to stand solid for a zone law, and then play politics.

Before the week was out it was seen that the zone law would be adopted. In the meantime a state-

wide bill was prepared and introduced and will probably be passed in some sort of shape. It is said that Attorney General Looney, who is a candidate for Governor, wrote the bill and there is a belief that he put certain clauses in it that, if passed would be objected to by Gov. Hobby. It is said the bill would prohibit the manufacture and sale of non-alcoholic drinks, such as beer and probably other beverages. It is further charged that there are features in it requiring physicians' prescriptions and that these prescriptions must be filed with the county clerk and a record fee of 50 cents paid. Of course this fee would have to be paid by the patient. It is stated that the bill was favorably reported by the committee, but that the members of the committee did not study it. They probably thought since Looney wrote it, it must be right. But when it went to the desks of the members, these points were exposed it is not believed it will pass in that form.

Mr. Johnston of Houston thinks it was as drawn that Hobby would not approve it and that his refusal to do so would cost him the election next summer. Anyhow the people will not want a law that will force them to pay an extra four bits for a prescription.

Another matter of interest was the ratification of the prohibition amendment to the federal constitution. An effort was made to have that question submitted to popular vote, but it went through both houses with big majorities.

The legislature invited Bryan and Sheppard and finally included Joe Bailey to come and speak on these things and then ratified before those oracles got there.

Last week closed with indications that the zone law would be enacted to take effect in 30 days. This time allowed for the saloons to wind up their affairs.

LIQUOR LICENSE BILL ENGROSSED IN SENATE

Austin, March 4.—The Senate passed to engrossment the senate bill by Senator Sutter restricting the granting of liquor permits and liquor licenses only to persons within incorporated cities and towns in the state. The purpose of this measure is to prevent roadhouses and saloons just out side the prohibited zone.

BUSINESS SESSION OF CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

The City council met on the evening of March 4th, 1918 with Mayor E. F. Smith presiding. The following officials were present: O. P. Wolfe, marshal, A. Johnston, Secretary, Treasurer and aldermen, M. F. Cornelius, T. J. Blackburn, J. W. Massey, W. W. Echols and J. J. Burnett.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The following accounts were allowed and the Secretary and Mayor authorized to issue warrants in payment of same:

P. W. Forkner, street work \$12.75
Hargreaves, etc., supplies \$3.09
E. D. Atkinson hauling \$3.00
J. W. Tel and Tel Co. phone \$3.00
R. D. Sloan, hauling trash \$19.50
J. D. McClanahan, set firemen \$70.00
Snyder L. and H. Co. pumping \$71.00
Rayder L. and H. Co. lights \$69.25

Dr. H. E. Rosser having refused to accept the appointment as City Health officer, the council appointed Dr. Hannanah to fill out the present term.

By motion duly carried the Mayor was instructed to issue a proclamation for a general clean-up day in the city. J. W. Massey and H. F. Cornelius were appointed to make a contract with some person to haul the cans from the premises after being placed in convenient places.

E. H. Higginbotham was instructed to order six meters for the city. The following committee was appointed to have charge of the water wagon and the street sprinkling that line.

W. W. Echols, M. F. Cornelius and J. W. Massey.

By motion duly carried J. W. Massey and O. P. Wolfe were instructed to have the bridges repaired and have such street work done as is absolutely necessary.

Motion made and carried that the request of Cross Carlisle for a refund of city taxes be refused and it was so ordered.

The following ordinance was passed by being read and passed separate readings.

AN ORDINANCE.

Levying a tax on all dogs habitually kept within the corporate limits of the city of Snyder, Texas, providing means for the collection of such tax. Prohibiting dogs from running at large and providing penalties for same.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Snyder, Texas, this 4th day of March, A. D. 1918:

That an annual tax be levied on all dogs habitually kept within the City limits of the City of Snyder, Texas, as follows: On the male dog two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50), on the female dog five dollars (\$5.00) on that such tax shall be due and payable to the city tax collector for the City of Snyder, Texas, before the first day of April of each and every year.

Upon the payment of such tax the tax collector shall in addition to the receipt for such tax, furnish the owner of such dog with a metal tag with a number inscribed thereon, and that number shall correspond with the number of the receipt given the owner of the dog and with the duplicate kept by the tax collector. That such tag shall be so made that it can be fastened around the neck of the dog with a collar.

After the first day of April of each year and every year it shall be the duty of the City Marshal to catch and impound all dogs found running loose on the streets of the City of Snyder, Texas, regardless of whether they have or have not the dog tag.

If a dog with the tag is caught and impounded it shall be the duty of the marshal to at once notify the owner of such dog and the owner may secure the dog upon the payment to the marshal of a pound fee of \$1.00 for each day or fraction of a day that the dog has been in the pound. In the event the owner does not being notified that the dog is in the pound it shall be the duty of the marshal to kill or cause to be killed each dog. It shall be the duty of the marshal to feed and take proper care of all dogs but have the tag tag until they are taken out as above provided or until the expiration of the five days as above set forth.

When a dog without the tag is caught and impounded any one may secure such dog by making claim or satisfying the marshal of ownership and upon payment of double the amount of tax and an additional \$1.00 for each day or fraction of a day that the dog has been impounded provided that should the owner of such dog claim the same and make proof that he had in fact paid the tax but that the dog had lost the tag, such dog shall be then released upon the compliance with the conditions affecting dogs caught with the tag tag on. In the event that the dog is not claimed and paid out as above provided within three days from the time of being caught and impounded it shall be the duty of the Marshal to kill or cause to be killed such dog. It shall be the duty of the marshal to water all dogs without the tag tag until paid out as above set forth or until the expiration of the three days time.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the mayor.

Approved this 4th day of March, A. D. 1918.

E. F. SMITH, Mayor.

A. Johnston, Secretary.

Editor W. O. Kent of the Post City Post is sick with measles and Mrs. Kent got out the paper last week. She did a fine job of it considering her lack of experience in editing.

NEW MEAT RULING FROM DEPARTMENT



MEATLESS TUESDAY ONLY
RESTRICTED MEAT DAY

To Fred A. Grayson County Administrator.

The following telegram has been received from Feden, Federal Food Administrator, Houston, regarding meat.

"All meat restrictions temporarily suspended except Meatless Tuesdays, which must be strictly observed as to beef and pork products."

You will please give this late ruling publicity in your county, and see that Meatless Tuesdays are strictly observed.

Respectfully,
THOS. F. OWEN,
District Food Adminstr.

SUPT. D. A. CLARK AC-
CEPTS SWEETWATER CALL

The Signal is informed that Superintendent Davis A. Clark has accepted the superintendency of the Sweetwater public schools. He has had the matter under consideration since he received notice of his election several days ago, and says, he has decided, positively, that he would accept the offer and has notified the board at that place.

REPORT SCURRY COUNTY
SCHOOLS MONTH ENDING
FEBRUARY 22ND, 1918.

The schools in the month are progressing nicely. German measles is about the only hindrance, since the cold weather, to regular attendance.

Quite a number of schools are training for the Field Day which is to be held on Friday afternoon of 15th inst. This will be a good time for the eliminations for the county meet, which convenes March 29th and 30th. Several prizes have already been subscribed for the winners in the final contests. A list of these prizes together with the dollar will be published in next week's Signal.

State Aid has been granted, conditionally, to fifteen schools of the county. Following is a list of these schools and the amount recommended:

Guinn District 2	\$200.00
Camp Springs District 4	\$500.00
Bloss District 7	\$350.00
Fluvanna District 13	\$500.00
Crowder District 16	\$140.00
China Grove District 22	\$500.00
Mitchell Co. Line Dist 24	\$500.00
Arab District 36	\$250.00
Cottonwood District 5	\$150.00
Lonsawell District 23	\$110.00
Woodward District 28	\$150.00
German District 31	\$140.00
Ira Independent District	\$40.00
Dunn Independent District	\$500.00
Hornhook Ind. District	\$500.00

Practically all the census blanks have been sent out and the trustees are busy taking the census which is to be finished during the month of March. If any trustees have not yet received their blanks, I would advise that they drop in and get them at once. Also the blanks for trustee election.

Warm weather will soon prevail and if caution is not used on the part of the teacher, the Internet will be. Inject something new or unusual in your work. Change your method of the ventilation, or do something to break the monotony. Make your last month of school the best of the entire term.

Any way I can serve you, command me.

O. L. HOWELL,
County Superintendent.

W. D. Sims said Thursday: "I have been in Snyder thirty-three years and I want a rest now that its going to rain tomorrow."